

on Species VIII include claims 1, 2, 5, 14-18, 24-26 and 32-34 which are generic to all three species of jogger members (Species VII, VIII, and IX). Further, the elected species includes claims 3 and 4 which are generic to Species VIII and IX. The elected species also reads on claims 6-13, which relate to Species VIII. Thus, the claims which read on elected Species VIII include 1-18, 24-26 and 32-34. Applicant also believes that new claim 67 also relates to the elected group and species since this claim is drawn broadly enough to relate to all three species of jogger members, and also relates to the elected invention of Group I. Applicant requests that this claim also be included in the action.

Applicant also wishes to question the necessity of the election of species. It is noted that the various Figures listed for each species do not define separate species of the same element, but instead, are mostly directed to completely different elements. As such, these are not separate embodiments, but rather, relate to specific inventions as listed in the restriction. For example, Figures 4-6 relate to the rail connecting element which is Group IX in the restriction. Figures 7 and 8 relate to the center line orientation cylinder which is Group VII in the restriction. Figures 9-13 relate to the center line bracket which is Group IV in the restriction, etc. Accordingly, Applicant submits that most of the species listed are not necessary. Applicant does agree that it is possible to list Species VII, VIII and IX as different types of jogger members, however, the remaining species appear to be unnecessary.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the response to the restriction requirement/ election of species is now complete, and that the application is in form for examination. Accordingly, an examination on elected claims 1-18, 24-26, 32-34 and 67 is respectfully submitted.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the

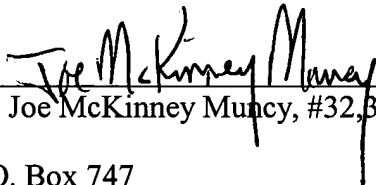
telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$55.00 is being filed concurrently herewith.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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